

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 - EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action mailed on January 2, 2003, and the Advisory Action mailed on March 27, 2003.

By way of this amendment, claims 17, 21-22, 26-27, 31-32, 36, 38, 42, 44, and 46 have been amended.

Claims 35, 41, 43, and 45 have been canceled without prejudice by way of this amendment. Claims 1-16, 19-20, 24-25, 28-30, and 34 were previously canceled.

No new claims are added.

Claims 17-18, 21-23, 26-27, 31-33, 36-40, 42, 44, and 46 remain pending in this application.

Review of Drawings

To date, Applicant has not received an indication from the Examiner as to whether the formal drawings filed on October 22, 2001 are acceptable. Applicant respectfully requests an indication in the next official communication from the Examiner as to whether the submitted set of formal drawings is acceptable.

Allowed and Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation that claims 37-40 were allowed.

Claims 35-36 and 43-46 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but they were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Amendments to Claims 17, 21-22, 26-27, 31-32, 36, 38, 42, 44, and 46

Independent claim 17 has been rewritten to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 35, which was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 35 has accordingly been canceled.

Independent claim 21 has been rewritten to substitute the allowed package substrate of independent claim 37 for the "film" previously recited in claim 21. The language reciting the

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package substrate in claim 21, as amended, is substantially identical to that recited in allowed independent claim 37. Thus claim 21 should also be allowable.

Dependent claim 22 has been amended as to form only, in order to use Markush wording recommended by MPEP § 2173.05(h).

Independent claim 26 has been rewritten to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 43, which was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 43 has accordingly been canceled.

Dependent claim 27 has been amended as to form only, in order to use Markush wording recommended by MPEP § 2173.05(h).

Independent claim 31 has been rewritten to include the subject matter recited in dependent claim 45, which was indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 45 has accordingly been canceled.

Dependent claim 32 has been amended as to form only, in order to use Markush wording recommended by MPEP § 2173.05(h).

In dependent claim 36, the dependency has been changed from claim 19 to claim 17, and the wording has been changed to reflect that in independent claim 17, as amended, the "film" already "comprises one or more vias".

Dependent claim 38 has been amended as to form only, in order to use Markush wording recommended by MPEP § 2173.05(h).

In dependent claim 42, the dependency has been changed from claim 23 to claim 21, and the wording has been changed to reflect that independent claim 21, as amended, already recites "one or more vias within the film".

In dependent claim 44, the dependency has been changed from claim 28 to claim 26, and the wording has been changed to reflect that in independent claim 26, as amended, the "film" already "comprises one or more vias".

In dependent claim 46, the wording has been changed to reflect that in independent claim 31, as amended, the "film" is already recited as having "one or more vias".

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Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17-18, 21-23, 26-27, 31-33, 36-40, 42, 44, and 46 are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Walter W. Nielsen at (602) 298-8920 or the below-signed attorney to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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